Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome, also known as CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome) is a complex illness characterized by incapacitating fatigue, neurological problems, and other symptoms which can resemble a persistent case of mononucleosis; and,

WHEREAS, These symptoms may last for many months or years, are often severely debilitating, and most often affect adults under the age of 45; and,

WHEREAS, Researchers believe that CFS is associated with dysfunction of the immune system, but are still working to identify the cause of the immune system disruption; and,

WHEREAS, As not all physicians are familiar with CFS, many times it is incorrectly diagnosed and sufferers are treated inappropriately; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that we build a greater knowledge and awareness of CFS, and to increase research funding, in order to help the growing number of young Americans who suffer from this syndrome:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 25 through March 3, 1990, as

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to become aware of this disease, and support efforts to find a permanent cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Ninth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE